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## TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BEFORE MAILING OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the publications listed on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application because they may be relevant to the question of patentability of the claims during their examination.

Applicant requests that these publications be considered by the Examiner before issuance of the next office action. The Examiner is also asked to initial and return copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 form(s) to evidence such consideration.

# Application No. 09/677,679

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a), copies of the cited references are being supplied with this information disclosure statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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